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Amendment After Final Rejection Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 and in response to the Final Office Action mailed on April 5, 2004, in which the Examiner finally rejected claims 1-9, 11-16, 18 and 19, the time for responding thereto extended until August 5, 2004 in accordance with a Petition for an Extension of Time submitted concurrently herewith, the following amendments and remarks are submitted for consideration. These amendments and remarks are offered in order to either reduce or, at the least more clearly define, the differences between the Applicants' position and that of the Examiner.

Amendments to the Specifications begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 6 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 9 of this paper.